GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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PROCEDURE FOR GRANT OF FAMILY PENSION
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for granting family pension in the event of death of the pensioner;

(b) whether the Government has identified the issues or problems being faced by the pensioners and the families who seek family pension in the event of the pensioner`s death;

(c) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard;

(d) whether these issues have also been referred to the Sixth Pay Commission; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a): In the event of death of a Pensioner, the surviving widow or widower, who is eligible for grant of family pension as per the provisions of Central Civil (Pension) Rule, 1972, is entitled to receive the family pension as indicated in the Pension Payment Order (PPO). In the event there being no widow or widower, the family pension is payable to the surviving child/children, including the handicapped child/children, unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters and the parents, as specified in the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rule, 1972.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. As and when the instances of grievances/problems being faced by the pensioners and their families, are brought to the notice of this Department, the concerned Ministries/Departments/Organisations are addressed in the matter for immediate redressal of such grievances/problems. Wherever necessary, amendments/introduction of new provisions in the pension policy/guidelines are carried out after due consultations with the concerned Agencies/Ministries/Departments.

(d) & (e) : The Terms of Reference of the Sixth Central Pay Commission, inter-alia, include examining the principles which should govern the structure of pension, death-cum-retirement gratuity, family pension and other terminal or recurring benefits of the Central Government Employees.